supervision of the PDS. However, no specific complaints have been received from the Government of Orissa or any other State Government regarding inferior quality sugar and rice being distributed through FPSs. Complaints about issue of stocks of inferior quality imported sugar for the PDS by the FCI was reported in December, 1994 by the Government of NCT of Delhi. FCI had replaced all the disputed bags of sugar. No other specific complaints about imported sugar or rice were received from any other State-UT.

Expansion of RPDS to Tribals in Kerala

1387. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has applied for expansion of RPDS to the tribals living outside ITDP blocks; and

(b) if so, the decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per present policy, only those Blocks which are covered under various area development programmes such as Desert Development programmes (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Designated Hill Areas (DHA) and Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) are covered under the Revaped Public Distribution System (RADS).

Procurement of Foodgrains from Punjab and Haryana

1388. SHRI PAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of foodgrains including rice procured from Punjab, Harayana and other wheat and paddy growing States so far during the current year;

(b) how does it compare with that of 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) the present storage capacity with Food Corporation of India;

(d) the quantity and value of wheat and rice lying in the open or without any shelter during the current rainy season;

(e) the quantity and value of foodgrains damaged by rains so far (State-wise) and how Government propose to dispose it of; and

(f) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take for the proteciton and preservation of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (f) Information is being colected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Gloomy Unemployment Scene

1389. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the "Indian Express" dated the 2nd May, 1995 about trade union unhappiness over mounting unemployment;

(b) whether Government have also seen the report which appeared in the "Hindu" dated the 7th February, 1994 captioned "Job will decline, says Pranab.

(c) whether Government have also seen the report which appeared in the "Statesman" of the 28th April, 1995 captioned "Anti-Labour attitude of Government irks Sangma"; and

(d) what is Government's reaction to this gloomy unemployment scene?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The employment strategy in the Eighth Five Year Plan has been